

# Council Salutes Connie Mack Champions

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# NEVADA CRASH KILLS YOUTH

## Auto Skids, South High Grad Killed

An 18-year-old South High graduate was killed Monday near Winnemucca, Nev., when the car in which he was riding skidded out of control and overturned on wet pavement.

Steven Michael Muensterman, son of Mrs. Joseph Muensterman of 24459 Park St., was pronounced dead at Winnemucca Hospital, according to officers of the Nevada Highway Patrol.

A second youth, Phillip Nathaniel Fish of Lomita, suffered minor injuries in the accident. He was treated at the hospital and released.

The accident occurred about 15 miles north of Winnemucca on U.S. Route 95. Rain fell throughout the area earlier Monday.

## 781,000 Expected In City

A record 781,174 students are expected to return to Los Angeles city schools when school opens for the fall semester Monday, Sept. 14.

Principals and clerical personnel already are at the schools trying to prepare for the onslaught of students. Of the total, 365,386 of the pupils are expected in the elementary grades and 251,083 are in the junior and senior high schools. There are 90,955 for adult classes and 73,750 headed for the junior colleges.

The students will be housed in 427 elementary schools, 69 junior high schools, and 53 senior high schools. In addition, the Los Angeles city schools operate 27 adult schools, 7 junior colleges, and 13 special schools for handicapped students.

Preregistration periods begin tomorrow in most city schools. All schools will be closed next Monday, Labor Day, and Wednesday, Sept. 9, Wednesday is Admission day.

Schools will recess for Christmas vacation Dec. 21 and reopen for the rest of the semester Jan. 3, 1965.

## Hot Bandit Shoots at Balky Safe

A service station safe was cursed, kicked, and then shot four times when it refused to yield to two young gunmen Tuesday.

The two men took \$140 from a cash box, then forced attendant Fletcher W. Day, 46, into a back room, tied him up, and took his wallet. Day said he had \$1 in his wallet and also had a cigarette lighter and watch taken.

Day told police the men became angry when they couldn't open the floor safe in the station. He said they cursed it, kicked it, and then fired four shots at it.

Both men were in their 20s, Day said. They fled from the station, located at 25801 S. Normandie Ave., on foot.

## Tumble Hurts Youth - - -

An 8-year-old North Torrance boy suffered a possible depressed skull fracture Tuesday when he fell against a table while playing in a garage. Hospitalized at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Michael Parkham, 17109 Haas Ave. Police said the youth was playing with a friend when he stumbled into the table.

## Burn Victim Dies - - -

Mrs. Clarence Cristanelli, 28, 1304 1/2 Marine Ave., Wilmington, died yesterday at Harbor General Hospital as a result of severe burns she sustained Saturday in a house fire at 1412 W. Lomita Blvd., Wilmington. Doctors had fought for three days to try and save Mrs. Cristanelli's life.

## Commissioner Named - - -

JoAnn Silence, 22317 Osage Ave., has been appointed to the Torrance Beautiful Commission. She will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Vera Welinsky from the commission.

## Record Tax Rate Set - - -

Torrance taxpayers will be asked to dig up a record \$10.4219 for each \$100 of assessed valuation this year, it was reported today after establishment of county and school tax rates. Los Angeles County rates soared to a record \$2.3997 per \$100 of value and the Torrance school rate climbed to \$5.9967. City rate was pegged at \$1.2318. The balance includes Metropolitan Water District, County Sanitation District, and other taxing agency rates.

## Bullets Win Praises of City Council

The Tordena Bullets, who returned home Monday afternoon after winning the Connie Mack World Series in Springfield, Ill., were honored by city fathers last night during the regular council meeting.

Councilman George Vico presided over short ceremonies and introduced team members and manager Bob Prior. A resolution extending the city's congratulations was adopted by the council and copies were given to each member of the team.

**THE BULLETS** snared the World Series crown by defeating Louisville in the final tournament game Sunday. Jay Baker pitched the one-hitter and shut out the Louisville team, 4-0.

The team is composed of boys between 16 and 18 from the Torrance and Gardena areas.

The boys will be guests of the city and the Chamber of Commerce at a banquet, probably next week. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said details of the banquet would have to be worked out with the chamber. Vico hinted that Dodger pitcher Sandy Koufax might be able to attend the banquet.

Details of the tournament victory and pictures of the team's arrival at International Airport are on today's Press-Herald sports page.

## Remelmeyer to Attend Session

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer will attend the Convention of Municipal Law Officers in Portland, Ore., Sept. 27 through 30. Permission for Remelmeyer to leave his city desk for the convention was granted at last night's City Council meeting.

## Press-Herald to Publish Area Assessment Figures

Newspaper publication of changes in assessed valuations will be made next week. Appeals will be heard by the newly established appeals boards but Watson expressed the hope that before taxpayers file appeals they will first present their requests for information or their complaints, if any, to one of his 15 branch administrative offices that have been distributed throughout the county.

**THE ASSESSOR** stated that in conformity with the law, it has been the effort of his office to set assessed valuations at 25 per cent of market value on all properties and he stated his belief that spreading of the listing over newspaper pages would enable property owners not only to view their own assessments but also to examine those of their neighbors.

He stated that he was offering what might be termed as a "public audit" of the assessment records.

The Press-Herald has been selected to publish the listings for this particular area and this feature, along with a map of the area being covered, will be published in this newspaper next week.



PHILLIP WATSON



**SEEKS D.A. POST . . .** Judge Evelle Younger (center) candidate for selection as Los Angeles County district attorney, meets Torrance backers at a luncheon hosted by restaurant owner Jack Rogers this week. With Judge Younger here are Arthur Reeves (left) president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Albert Isen.

## For Public Beach

# City Asks State to Buy High-Rise Site

City Councilmen have asked the state or county to purchase beach frontage along the Torrance-Redondo Beach city boundary for use as a park and public beach.

The council, acting on the suggestion of residents in the Riviera section of Torrance, adopted a resolution requesting the purchase of the property for public use and appointed a committee of city officials and homeowners to implement the resolution.

Named to the committee were Dr. Charles Hopkins and Tom Roach, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, City Councilman George Vico, Planning Commission President David Halstead, and Ambrose Schindler, from the city's Parks and Recreation Commission. Harry Van Bellem, director of recreation for the city, was named as an ex-officio member of the committee.

The property, owned by Sovereign Development Co., is located in Torrance and Redondo Beach. Councilmen recently turned down a zoning request that would have permitted high-rise developments on the property. It is the only section of beach property between the Palos Verdes Estates boundary and the Redondo Beach pier which is not publicly owned.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Governor Edmund G. Brown and other state officials, as well as to members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

In other action, the council: Approved a contract with Koebig and Koebig, Architects and Engineers, for design work on an addition to the city's police station.

Approved changes in the city policy to grant free use of the Recreation Center to a larger number of area groups.

Referred to the Youth Welfare Commission a resolution protesting a proposal to lower the age limit to 18 for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Adopted on its final reading an ordinance which permits dancing between midnight Saturday and 2 a.m. on Sunday and after 8 a.m.

## Girl Escapes Swim Pool Death by Electrocutation

A 13-year-old North Torrance girl suffered an electrical shock Monday evening when an electric cord fell into a swimming pool.

Police said the incident occurred about 8:30 p.m. at the home of Amelia Chavez, 18509 Van Ness. The victim, Linda Barrett of 18422 Wilton Pl., was not hospitalized.

Two witnesses, Kathleen Greengo of 2025 W. 186th St. and Bonita Tracy of 3230 W. 178th St., told police Linda was hanging onto the metal edge of the swimming pool when an electric cord that was hanging near the pool fell in. Linda passed out and fell back into the pool, they said.

Mrs. Chavez pulled Linda from the pool and when police arrived on the scene the girl was conscious and breathing normally.

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

Meeting the Tordena Bullets as they deplaned from Springfield, Ill., the Pennies photographer asked team members how it felt winning the Connie Mack League World Championship.

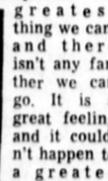
**Derry Deravin, 17, of 17228 Wilke Ave., left field:** "It feels great! We played 30 games, including tournament games, and lost five. We were losing the Springfield game and it seemed like it was impossible. But we beat them!"

**Dave McCormick, 16, of 2611 W. 178th St., pitcher:** "It doesn't feel like we really won it all. It doesn't seem possible. There were so few teams in the league we played in. But we were better and we did it!"

**Buster Smith, 18, of 1519 15th St., San Pedro, pitcher:** "Well when you just think of it you can't realize it. But you stop and think how many compete in Connie Mack and you get some realization of what you've accomplished. Most of us have played since Little League and this is the greatest feat we've all done in organized baseball."

**Mike Engle, 18, of 531 W. Spruce, Inglewood, first base and outfielder:** "It's great. Now we know we have accomplished the greatest thing we can, and there isn't any farther we can go. It is a great feeling and it couldn't happen to a greater bunch of guys."

**Rod Potette, 17, of 10537 Dalerose, pitcher:** "It's really great. We reached the highest plateau. The greatest thing is that we worked as a team and there was always some individual who came and picked up the team when we needed it. It is great to know we are the best in the United States out of 1,200 teams. It shows what we accomplished."



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